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Mr. Steve Heminger Executive Director Metropolitan Transportation Commission 101 8th Street Oakland, CA 94607-4700

Dear Mr. Heminger:

I am writing to support the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Delta Protection Commission (DPC), in your joint application for a FY 2008-09 Partnership Planning Grant from the California Department of Transportation. It is my understanding that this grant will be used to underwrite The Great California Delta Trail Collaborative Planning Process.

In 2006, the Legislature passed legislation, which I coauthored, creating The Great California Delta Trail. Under the measure, the DPC is required to complete a feasibility study and develop a plan establishing a trail network through the five Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta counties, and this planning grant will assist MTC and DPC in establishing the trail system.

Again, I support your application for the planning grant from the California Department of Transportation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. MACHADO Senator, Fifth District

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